

## REMARKS

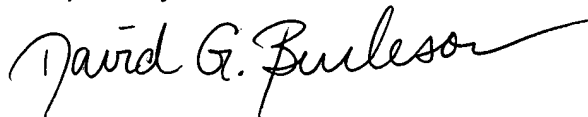
In conjunction with the national stage entry of the referenced international application (PCT/US2003/012474), the multiple dependency format used during international phase has been removed. The claims as amended now all are independent or depend from just a single claim.

Additionally, a minor editorial correction has been made to claim 1.

No new matter has been introduced.

Questions or comments regarding this submission should be directed to the attention of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Burleson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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